GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:7
ANSWERED ON:18.02.2003
IMPLEMENTATION OF ICDS
RATTAN LAL KATARIA

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of blocks in the country in which Integrated Child Development Scheme is being implementated at present;

(b) the number of children benefited under the said scheme during the last three years;

(c) the main objectives of the said scheme and and whether the objective has been achieved; and

(d) the total amount being spent on this scheme every year?

Answer

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT, MINISTER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI)

(a),(b),(c)&(d) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT IN RESPECT OF REPLY TO PART (a),(b),(c)&(d) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 7 FOR 18.2. REGARDING IMPLEMENTATION OF ICDS BY SHRI RATTAN LAL KATARIA.

(a) 5292 Community Development Blocks and 360 urban slums.

(b) Number of children benefited during 2000-2001, 2001- 2002 and 2002-2003 (as on 30.9.2002) was 241.15 lakh, 315.04 lakh and 332.20 lakh respectively.

(c) The objectives of the Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) Scheme are:-

(i) to improve the nutritional and health status of children in the age group 0-6 years;

(ii) to lay the foundation for proper psychological, physical and social development of the child;

(iii) to reduce the incidence of mortality, morbidity, malnutrition and school dropout;

(iv) to achieve effective coordination of policy and implementation amongst the various departments to promote child development; and

(v) to enhance the capability of the mother to look after the normal health and nutritional needs of the child through proper nutrition and health education.

Progress against the stated objectives is a continuous process. The National Family Health Survey (NFHS)-2 conducted in 1998-99 revealed that the prevalence of underweight children (0-3 years) came down to 47%, infant mortality rate came down to 67.60 per 1000 live births and low birth weight came down to 22.70% as compared to 53.40%, 78.50 per 1000 live births and 33%, respectively, at the time of NFHS-1 survey, conducted in 1992-93.

(d) Total amount released by Government of India to States/UTs during 2000-01, 2001-02 and 2002-03 (as on 13.02.03) was Rs.1224.02 crore, Rs.1545.87 crore and 1602.14 crore respectively.